BAR HILL NEWS

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WE WISH ALL OUR RESIDENTS A PEACEFUL AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS

CANCER RESEARCH UK

Thank you to everyone who supported the gift stall in aid of Cancer Research UK on November 17th.
We raised £70 for the charity.
Sarah Adams

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that donated items for sale and supported both of the sales tables I had at the Community Market to raise much needed funds for the MPS Society, a registered charity that supports both children and adults that have rare life limiting diseases.
Particular thanks go to: Karen & Sue at the Community Market, Oypla.com, TIC Racing.com, Elliot's Engineering, Johnson's Dry Cleaners, Spymasters & Fish n Chicken. The amount raised was £151.10.
Many thanks
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Copy date for the next issue is 15th January to Margaret Sellars at bhneditor@yahoo.com, or see page 2 for other contact details. (No Bar Hill News in December to give the team time to have Christmas.)

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EDITORIAL

There is no charge for **Articles, What's On, For Sale and Lost and Found,** and these appear at the Editor's discretion. Please submit items by 15th of the month.

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Dear Editor

We would like to thank all of our friends and indeed the many people who we do not even know for their concern and warm wishes shown after Jake's awful accident. For those that do not know, on the 30th October Jake was at the skate park, he was put in the position to either hit a much younger child on a scooter who had gone into his path or face plant from about 6 foot. He decided on the latter and as a result was knocked unconscious (thank you to everyone that was around on that day who helped him) Jake suffered extreme cuts and grazes to his face, very swollen lips, deep cuts to his mouth which required 42 stitches and a bleed on the brain! Considering the extent of the accident we have been told by the nurses and doctors that his injuries could have been far worse and that he actually could have died.

We know helmets are not seen to be cool by children and teenagers but his injuries would have been a lot less severe if he had been wearing a helmet! Jake and ourselves like everybody else thought "oh it won't happen to us, it only happens to other people!" how wrong we were. If everybody had to wear a helmet then the few that didn't would be the minority not the majority. This should be wherever you ride, not just at the skate park, a child could easily fall off on their way to school or generally playing out on their bike!

It has been a truly distressing time and we would hate for any other family to go through the trauma that we have. If even one child now wears a helmet then some good has come from this terrible accident that could have happened to any one of your children.

Our continued thanks go to "Footpaths" a committee formed by parents to monitor and upgrade the existing skate park and hopefully create a smaller skate park for the younger children and scooters.

Many thanks again

Ashley, Karen, Jake and Jess Curry

We all wish Jake a speedy recovery after such a dreadful accident. It may not be "cool" to wear a helmet but it's not "cool" to have a head injury either. We all hope skaters/bikers will learn from this story and wear a helmet in future. Editor

RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION

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I would like to express my sincerest thanks to all who helped me to raise a grand total of **£70.66** for Children in Need! I would especially like to thank those who brought my Pudsey shortbread, Pudsey & Blush cakes and those who took part in Pudsey's sweepstake in the Social Club on Saturday 17th of November.

I am sure you would like to know who won Pudsey's sweepstake for which the prize was a yard of Jaffa cakes; the winner was Barry Driver who thought that Pudsey would fundraise by entering a chilli eating contest.

I would also like to thank my mother, Kim, for providing the ingredients for the shortbread and cakes and for helping me to raise a majority of the money at Cambridge LSC.

Again, I would like to say a huge thanks to everyone who donated their hard-earned cash to help raise this money for such a worthwhile cause!

From *Krystie Driver, Pudsey and Blush.*

Footpath, Friends of our Three Parks at the Hill

is a new fundraising committee in Bar Hill. Set up with the support of the Parish Council, we are a group of like-minded parents, with a sense of community. We have a shared belief that all children, of all ages, within the village, should have access to good quality play equipment. We believe it is vital to a child's development that they have the opportunity to express themselves through play, whilst promoting their physical and mental well-being.

Footpath has three main aims;

- ☺ To update and increase the size of the existing recreation park.
- ☺ To create a mini skate park within the village centre.
- ☺ To improve and maintain the existing skate park.

We are in the process of applying for grants, but also have a number of fundraising events in the pipeline. We held a successful family disco at Halloween, which was possible due to the kind support of Sean Gilks and Lyn Whyte. **Our next event is Tea with Santa, on Saturday 15th December.** The children will be treated to an afternoon of fun and entertainment, before visiting Santa in his Grotto and receiving a gift. **Application forms will be available from the pre-schools and school.**

As a committee, we view this as a long term community project, and hope the villagers and businesses of Bar Hill will support us in seeing our vision come to fruition. If you are able to assist us in any way, please contact us via our email address www.barhill-footpath.co.uk.

Abbreviated Annual Report of the Maple Surgery Patient Participation Group

The Patient Participation Group (PPG) has continued to work closely with the Maple Surgery to improve the services to patients, but this has been a difficult year. The impending end of the current contract, early in 2013, has brought unwelcome change and uncertainty. Patients have expressed their frustration at being unable to see the same GP on successive visits, and their dismay at the departure of several well-liked GPs who have left to join other practices. The PPG meetings in the second half of this year have been dominated by these problems.

On a more positive note, the PPG and the Surgery organised a highly successful Health Awareness evening in April, on the theme of memory loss. The event attracted a large audience to hear expert speakers on Alzheimer's disease and other types of memory problems.

The PPG also addressed the issue of support for patients who have long-term illnesses and who feel isolated because they don't know what activities are taking place in the village. The PPG has created a leaflet which lists many of the regular social and fitness events in Bar Hill. The leaflet is free and copies are available at the Maple Surgery.

Members of the PPG took an active part in the public meeting held in late October to explain the process of selecting the new service provider at the surgery. They asked a number of questions, with particular emphasis on patient representation and monitoring the performance of the new provider.

The PPG continues to represent the interests of the patients of the Maple Surgery. We meet at 6.30 p.m. on the last Wednesday of every month except December, and all patients are welcome. Our web site is www.maple-ppg.org

David Harper
PPG Secretary

Bar Hill Community Market

We have been running the Community Market now in the village for 3 years. It is a place where people can sell craft items that they have made, and for village organisations to have a place to raise money. We are also a meeting place for people to chat over coffee and cakes. We charge a table rent to private enterprises, from which we pay the rent for the building usage and then the rest of the money is donated to projects around the community. We have been able to give away the sum of approx. £1,650, to various projects around the village. This is a place where you can support local enterprises and where you can get that special gift for someone.

We have people selling Jams and Chutneys, Homemade Cakes, Jewellery, Photographic Cards, Patchwork, Handmade Confectionery, Wooden Crafts, Aloe Vera products, Fruit and Vegetables. We also have started serving Soup at lunchtime and there is also a BBQ (weather permitting). We would like to encourage people to have a table.

Please note details of the next few markets.

Saturday 2nd February, 2nd March, 6th April, 4th May, 1st June all at 10.30 am – 2 pm

So please come and join us. or more details contact either Sue Gadsby 01954 200875 or Karen Austen 01954 781085 **For bookings phone Karen.**

8 O'CLOCK CLUB

The 8 o'clock Club is a women's group and we meet in the school on the 1st Thursday of the month at 8 p.m.

Our programme for the next school term is; -

6 December - Xmas meal (members only)

New members are always welcome. If you would like to join us or come for a visit please come along to one of our meetings where we would be very pleased to see you. If you prefer to have a chat about the club please telephone Barbara (204171) Adela (204265) or

MEMORIAL GARDEN UPDATE

Thank you to all those who support this village project.

Christmas is coming. What do you do with those bulbs that have finished? We would be interested in receiving Hyacinths, Daffodils and Tulips that appear to be near the end of their life. We can plant them for next year. Just leave them in pots in the Memorial Garden. **Please contact us if you think that you may have suitable plants for the garden but we request that you DO NOT just leave them or attempt to plant them.**

Are you interested in helping in the garden? We are looking for all organisations within the village to have a representative on the Memorial Garden Committee - this was created as a village project. Even if you do not represent an organisation but would like to help, please contact Chris Stannard on 01954 781978. This will not be an onerous task but volunteers are always welcome.

PARISH PLAN

The Parish Council is looking for people to join a group to produce a parish plan. This is something which the Parish Council is being asked by South Cambs District Council to produce. **It will enable residents to influence what happens in Bar Hill and how it can develop for the future.** THIS IS NOT ABOUT MONEY – it is about ideas. How would you like to see the village develop? What extra amenities would you like to see? What would you especially like to keep – this could be buildings, trees, facilities.

I will lead this group but I do need the input from residents. Are you a person bursting with ideas but no outlet for them? Come and join me. We can meet in the Parish Council Office at a mutually convenient time. Please contact me if you are interested.

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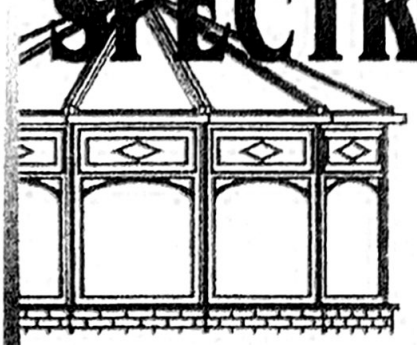

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BAR HILL WOMEN FOOTBALL CLUB

The team have shown great potential as they reach the half waypoint of the season winning 7 and drawing 2 of the 10 league games played and currently sitting at the top of the S Tech Southern Women's league (level 7 in the football pyramid). In addition, the team have progressed to the quarter final of the League Cup competition.
The team was formed to enable the girls that have previously played in the village up to age 16 to continue and develop and enjoy their football together with other players in the squad that live either in Bar Hill or surrounding villages.
The team is extremely grateful to the funding received from South Cambs District Council (Community Chest fund) that has enabled the team to purchase equipment and a new kit (pictured) along with tracksuits and waterproof jackets for the whole squad.
Vicky Neal – player/manager says 'It has been a dream start with all the players working hard at training and enjoying playing together on a Sunday. I am so pleased that the team is proving a success, as this will give the opportunity for all girls from the Colts younger teams to progress without leaving the village.
If you wish to be part of the team or our set up, please contact Vicky on vickyneal1990@hotmail.com

BAR HILL COLTS FC

As the clocks have now gone forward, winter will soon be upon us. So get out your hats, gloves and wellies from last season and head down to the village green at the weekend to see many of our 120 active children playing and enjoying their football at the club.

Bar Hill Foxes 1 - 0 Swavesey Spartans on 27 October

This local derby had everything - a penalty saved, a goal disallowed and the stand-in goalkeeper being awarded man of the match. Bar Hill started well and opened the scoring in the first minute after a good pass from Theo

Collins set up John Cornwell for a fine finish. The half continued in the same way and following an indirect free kick, Theo slotted the ball home, only to see it disallowed, as there was no other touch before the ball hit the net.

The second half saw some good defending and saves from Callum Ukpeder, the stand-in goalkeeper kept his team in front. Bar Hill continued to create chances but couldn't get that second goal. Ollie Andrews - in inspired form throughout the game - was unlucky to have been judged to handle the ball in the area but Callum not only saved the penalty, but also the rebound. Only great teamwork, inspired defending and the goalkeeper kept the score the same until the final whistle. A good result, but more satisfying was the teamwork and passages of passing play.

Swavesey Under 15s 2 – 11 Bar Hill Under 15s on 11 November

In another local derby our Under 15s record a resounding cup victory over their local rivals. Goals from Jacob Ellis-Lipscitz (2), Jack Humphreys, Daniel Marsh, Henry Rogan, Mathew Daines(2) and a hat-trick from captain Taylor Sparkes ensured that the team progressed into the next round of the Knockout Cup Robbie Reader completed the goal scoring following his fine player of the match performance.

Good luck in the next round.

Bar Hill Vixens 6 – 2 Chatteris Under 10 Girls on 13 October

The team photo was taken before the victory in the cup cup game against Chatteris. The goals were scored by Shammah Nhamoinesu (3), Isabel Bryant (2) and Alisha Marsh, which puts the team through to the semi-final which is scheduled to be played to be at home against Bluntisham Blasters on Saturday 24 November. Team Captain was Charley Satchell and the Player of the Match was Shammah Nhamoinesu for her goals and contribution to the team.

AND

Bar Hill Vixens 5 – 4 Histon Hornets Under 10's on 20 October

In an exciting encounter, the Vixens beat Histon Hornets in a 9-goal thriller. Goals scored by Isabel Bryant (2), Shammah Nhamoinesu (2) & Georgia Wilson. Team Captain was Lisa Murphy and Player of the Match was Isabel Bryant for her goals scored & overall play

AND FINALLY

Bar Hill Vixens 3 – 4 Milton Colts on 10 November

The Vixens lost away to a strong table-topping Milton

Colts side with goals from Isabel Bryant (2) & an own goal.

Team Captain was Shammah Nhamoinesu and Player of the Match was Tilly Knott for her excellent saves. A fantastic performance over the last month by all of the girls - well done!

Bar Hill Eagles 13 – 4 Papworth Blasters Under 9's on 10 November

The team have been involved in more high scoring matches with 76 goals scored in just 6 games. Following a 13-5 loss against Willingham in the previous game, the Eagles made amends with a dominant performance against Papworth with goals being scored by Daniel Norden (6), Sam Connor (4) and Toby Simmonet (3)

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You will be able to spend time in the Library in more comfort soon. Two comfortable chairs, funded by the Friends, are on order. Our events inside and outside the Library will continue next year, and the committee hopes you will join in with those.

Subscriptions: Make renewing your subscription a priority. You can do that during December by calling at the Library. The cost remains the same as last year: £6 for individuals and £8.50 for family members living at the same address. We'll be sending you a reminder in case you forget. Membership entitles you to reduced-price tickets for our talks and inclusion in our social events. You need to be a Friend to belong to one of our Reading Circles.

If you are not a Friend, please consider joining us. The important thing about belonging to any organisation is not what you gain, but what you give. By joining us you will demonstrate that you value our Library, which is an invaluable community asset and hosts the village Post Office. That provides a vital service to even more residents.

Coffee mornings: To meet Friends and find out more about what we get up to, come along to a coffee morning in the Library. These are held on the first Thursday of each month from 10 a.m. to noon. That means 6 December 2012 and 3 January 2013 are the next dates to note in your diary.

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For enquires contact Jo Thompson on 07988 264745 or email joferris23@yahoo.co.uk.

Bar Hill Sports and Social Club

The Sports and Social Club is situated on the top floor of the Village Hall. You can watch live sports on our two large TV screens in HD, play pool, darts, skittles and cribbage or enjoy a drink in our quiet lounge bar. We also have an XBox available for gaming.

What's on in December?

Lady Stardust, Disco & Karaoke	8th
Membership Draw	8th
Cranky Dogg, Blues/Rock Band	15th
Christmas Raffle Draw	21st
Membership Draw	22nd
New Year's Eve Disco	31st

Looking Ahead...

Visit our website, www.bhssc.org.uk
Join us on Facebook, at Barhillsports.Socialclub

Christmas Raffle

The Christmas Raffle is under way. Great prizes to be won as always, Samsung Tablet, Kindle Fire and many more.

BHSSC Saturday Football Teams Fixtures , (Kick-off 1400)

1 Dec BHSSC Home to Sutton United
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8 Dec BHSSC Reserves Home to Glemsford & Cavendish United Reserves
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22 Dec BHSSC Home to March Rangers
22 Dec BHSSC Reserves Away to Therfield & Kelshall
5 Jan BHSSC Home to Milton Reserves, Junior Cup
05/01/2013 BHSSC Reserves Away to West Wratting A

Membership Renewals

Membership renewals are due in December, Members £8, Seniors £4.
From the 1st of January, Members £10, Seniors £5.

Not a Member?

New members are always welcome, join now for £10. Pop in and have a look around. Please ask the bar staff for a membership form. See our website for opening times.

The club also has a junior membership for 16 and 17 year-olds for a one off payment of £5. This is valid until full membership can be obtained at 18.

Andrew Wilkin
01954 781881 (BHSSC)

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Message from your local PCSO

Hello all. As you know is that time of the year again - Christmas is coming and remember there is always an increase in crime when this time approaches us.

BE SAFE BE SECURE: it is important to know that most crime is against property, not people, and that crime levels are going down in most places. Most crimes are spur of the moment, actions, often is response to the opportunity of an open window or valuables left on display. Home security is the best way to reduce your chances of being burgled. Please take time and secure your home each time you go out, even if it is for a short period of time. If you are going away this Christmas, I would advise that you only let the trusted people know.

On the 09/11/2012 a fraud by false representation was reported to us. Our suspect and two other males were sitting in a vehicle with the hazard lights on trying to stop passersby; this was of A1307 in Girton. Our victim stopped to try and help. The suspect stated that he was low on fuel and asked if victim could give him money for petrol. The victim took the suspect to Tesco petrol station at Bar Hill whilst one of the other males in the car followed. After the victim handed over £50, the suspects offered a cheap gold ring in return and pressed the victim for more money. When victim called the police the suspects left the area at speed without putting any fuel in their vehicle. Please be aware of these kinds of people as they have been operating for quite some time in our area. If you ever are challenged by them, don't give them any money, simply ring the police ASAP.

Between the 26/10/2012 and the 27/10/2012 unknown offenders stole a length of flashing from a property in Appletrees. Between the 27/10/2012 and the 28/10/2012 the same offence happened to another property in the area.

On the 29/10/2012 unknown offenders entered a property in Oatlands Avenue and conducted a search. Various items were taken.

On the 04/11/2012 unknown offenders attempted to steal lead flashing from a property in The Spinney. Nothing taken at this time but damage was caused.

On 11th November between 2200 hrs and 12 November 0900 hrs, a theft of lead flashing took place in Watermead. Unknown offender(s) stole a quantity of lead flashing from the roof of rear porch

I will be stepping up the patrols in Bar Hill to try and crack down on the above crimes.

Between the 16/10/2012 and the 17/10/2012 unknown offenders snapped the locks to an outside shed located at Menzies Golf Club. Offenders stole various pieces of garden equipment.

On 17th October 2012 approximately 23:00 hours, whilst I was on foot patrol in Appletrees I come across 3 males sitting in a vehicle. When I approached this vehicle it strongly smelled of cannabis. A search was conducted on these males and 2 of them were found to be in possession of Cannabis. Males were dealt with accordingly.

If you wish to report any other crime, suspicious behaviour or activity please ring our non-emergency number, 101. If you believe that a crime is in progress please ring 999. I also welcome you to contact me directly by emailing bujar.mani@cambs.pnn.police.uk, if you wish to let me know of any issues you may be experiencing.

Kind Regards
PCSO Bujar Mani
Histon Neighbourhood Policing Team

Girlguiding UK

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Carol Service

Our Carol Service is on **Wednesday 12th December** at 6.30 pm in the main church.
Seasonal refreshments will be served afterwards.
A retiring collection will be taken for the "BBC Children in Need" appeal

Girlguiding in Bar Hill:

Rainbows (5-7 years) meet on Mondays and Wednesdays
Brownies (7-10 years) meet on Tuesdays and Wednesdays
Guides (10-15 years) meet on Wednesdays
Senior Section (over 14) meets on Wednesdays
There are spaces available in some of the units.
If you want to volunteer or your daughter would like to join us having fun in a girl only environment please go to http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/interested
For more information about local girlguiding, please contact:
Di Gunton or ***Nina Hutt***
Bar Hill District Commissioners

Trading Standards would like to warn readers about the **pitfalls** of buying alcohol from unconventional sources such as car boot sales, strangers at the pub, workplace or selling from the back of a vehicle or any other unusual sources. Both counterfeit and other fake drinks should be avoided at all costs. They may contain either much more or much less alcohol than stated on the label and than is required by law but worse than this, however, is the fact that **many counterfeit and fake drinks contain chemicals that are normally used in products such as cleaning products, antifreeze and screen wash**. For example methanol, isopropyl, propan-2-ol, acetone and chloroform are commonly found in illicit alcohol.

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Follow us on the Rosie in Stitches facebook page.

Stall dates for the Winter

Christmas Fair - Manor Farm, Bourn - Saturday 1st December 10 am until 3 pm Selling raffle tickets, toys, handbags and blankets

Community Market Church Centre, Bar Hill - Saturday 1st December 10.30 am until 2 pm Selling raffle tickets and toys

Addenbrooke's Outpatients

Thursday 29th November 10 am until 4 pm

Friday 14th December 10 am until 2 pm

With our large display of toys and clothes for babies and children.

We have items for sale in our eBay Charity Store Rosieinstitches2010, also hart4334 and 1234_orridge are also selling items to benefit the Rosie. There are links to affiliate stores on our website where we will get a donation.

In the current financial climate we know that every penny counts so we're not asking people to donate, just to shop online as they normally would this Christmas. But instead of going directly the retailer website, if they go via easyfundraising.org.uk first, their gift purchases will turn into donation for us.

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To support Friends of the Rosie Hospital, Cambridge, England, visit http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/forh and follow the instructions. You can raise funds by using the Easyfundraising search site at http://forh.easysearch.org.uk

If you can improve our website, organise the three large stalls per year at Addenbrooke's Outpatients, provide transport for our volunteers or display a small selection of our wares please contact a member of the committee, details are given on our website.

Thank you for all your support.

The Coffee Stop

This takes place every Wednesday at 10 am until 12 noon at the Library. Coffee, tea and biscuits are served, and it is a good opportunity to meet friends old and new and have a chat. Everyone is welcome. We support the "Friends of the Library" in making good use of this valuable resource and keeping it open for everyone. We would love to see you on a Wednesday morning.

NWR

Ladies – Give yourselves a break. Enjoy discussions and make new friends!

NWR is a national organisation promoting friendship and self-confidence for lively minded women. We share ideas discuss topics, occasionally listen to speakers and enjoy social events.

6th December From da Vinci to Dali – Artists through the ages Venue: Marie-The's

20th December Three Gifts for a Christmas baby in 2012 – What would you bring him or her? Venue: Bobby's

Saturday 5th January Social – for members and partners only – Murder mystery evening Venue Karen's

17th January Madingly Observatory Trip – Details to be confirmed

31st January Is our ability to create and prolong life Bankrupting the NHS? Venue: Pat's

The Bar Hill NWR group meets informally on alternate Thursday evenings and we pay just £1.00 per meeting to cover costs. If you would like more information or someone to accompany you to a meeting, please don't hesitate to call Jenny O'Dell on 201269 or Jackie Ellis on 780523. NWR can also be found on www.nwr.org.uk. Why not have a look!

A14 junction 31 to 32 improvement

Reduce congestion by widening the A14 between junctions 31 and 32, and installing three sign gantries across the width of the carriageway. This supports Northstowe Phase 1 development, as well as the gateways of Felixstowe and Harwich ports.

John Reynolds (County Councillor)

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Childminders with Current Vacancies

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Millie Rankin

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Having celebrated Harvest, November 5th and Diwali, rehearsals are well underway for the Christmas concerts, which our parents look forward to every year. In Reception this year it will be particularly poignant, as we have a large proportion of families who are 'first-time' parents with their oldest child starting school. There will be lots of 'Ah's, as they perform the Nativity, I'm sure!

Year 5 has had their three-day Residential trip to Burwell House, and a very happy time was had by all – including staff members. Learning and fun were key points! Reception had workshops for parents that included; Stories for Bedtime, A Balanced and Healthy Picnic, Letters and Sounds for You, and are looking forward to our Night Walk next week followed by hot chocolate and marshmallows! Beware if you are out walking your dog.....

Children in Need, Operation Christmas Child and Antibullying Week are all in the process of happening, as well as many other opportunities for children to learn in a way that they can respond to and enjoy. We are always happy for the community to join us for a variety of events, and one not to miss is lunchtime cooked by our very own Chef! Please ask at the office for friendly advice and details.

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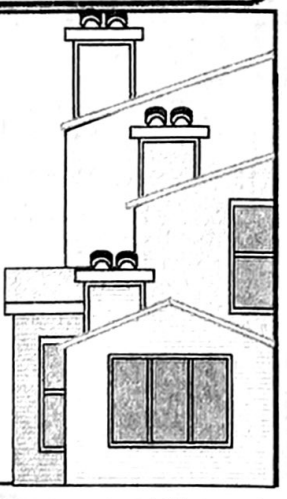

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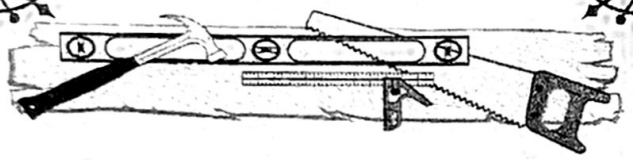

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HAPPY HOURS – NEWSLETTER

Its been a busy month - a Harvest Festival service in the Octogen and also an invite to the School Harvest Festival which some of our members attended, coming away with a lovely spray of flowers - many thanks.

The PPG meeting in the Church which was very informative and although our members do not find the situation ideal we just hope come February we will have some good news and a satisfactory service from April . At least they do seem to realise that people want a stable surgery with permanent Doctors.

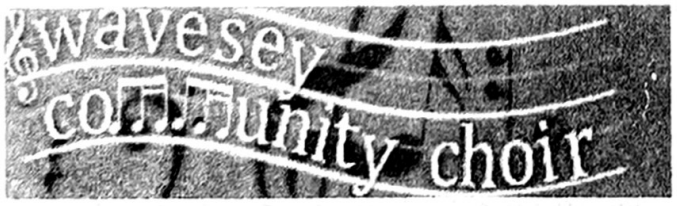
Our Speaker this month was Arthur Brookes who did a lovely alphabet tour of much of the world he had visited with some brilliant slides. He's a good speaker with a sense of humour that comes through.

Myself plus two other members went on two events, the first a free 2-hour guided tour of the Botanic Gardens on a lovely sunny morning which we really enjoyed. The second a guided tour of the Fitzwilliam Museum. Briefly the general museum and then the fabulous Chinese Exhibition. This finished on the 11th Nov but was well worth the visit.

Many of our members attended the Knit and Natter McMillan Tea Party held in memory of Olwen Goodwin,

Lastly we had our outing to Braintree Outlet Centre which was a shopping heaven: a good mix of shops from the expensive to Card Factory and most people found something to buy. We would like to go again but on a slightly warmer day without the cold wind.

Helen Collins



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For more information or to register your child please see our new website at www.littleacornspreschoolbarhill.co.uk or e-mail us at littleacorns.barhill@ntlworld.com

Or during session time please phone us on 07851803083 (and ask for Sally or Gail)

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10 ways to make a criminal very happy this Christmas

1) carry a bulging wallet in a loose pocket.
2) leave your Christmas shopping on view in the car while you go to another shop.
3) pile presents round your tree in full view of the front window.
4) place your handbag in the shopping trolley while you turn to the shelves.
5) stock up your freezer in an unlocked garage.
6) leave your house in darkness when you are out in the evening or
7) only leave a hall light on (who lives in the hall?).
8) when your neighbour is away, leave their newspapers etc poking out of the letter box.
9) leave the engine running to warm up your car while you go back in the house.
10) pile packaging by the wheelie bin to advertise the wonderful presents you received.

Remember – for the criminal it only takes a moment;
- for you, the effect lingers a long time.

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The procurement process, which oversees everything from the new multimedia-driven customer contact centre that goes live in December and promises to deliver £250,000 of savings, to the window cleaning of sheltered accommodation and the paper towels in public toilets, focuses on achieving value for money for residents.

This year a massive £66,484 has been saved from the budget for the Council's housing condition surveys - the duty placed on the Council to regularly review the standard and energy efficiency of its homes - and a further £26,740 on private sector condition surveys after both contracts were re-tendered. New arrangements for the delivery of the South Cambs residents' magazine will save the council £12,720 annually while a new customer service training provider has delivered savings of £2,875.

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CRICKET CLUB

We're already busy planning for next season and have booked net sessions at Hills Road Sixth Form College in the new year.

They begin on Monday January 14, from 8 to 9.30 pm and continue at the same time every Monday until April 8 (excluding Easter Monday).

Meanwhile, at our annual meeting, Craig Driver was elected first-team captain for 2013, with Chris Howse taking on the second-team role and Peter Howard the midweek team.

A decision was also made to move the date of future annual meetings to on or before January 31. To that end, there will be another meeting in January to bring us into line for future years. Match fees will be set at that meeting, so please come along and have your say. Any prospective members will also be very welcome.

The date of the meeting will be advertised on our website at **www.barhillcricket.org.uk**

A number of committee changes have also been made. Steve Plumb has stepped down as chairman and has been replaced by Simon Smith, in an interim capacity until the January meeting.

Chris Howse replaces Barry Driver as events co-ordinator, while Tom Levitt joins the committee in place of Peter Howard as adult team rep.

The club would like to thank Steve, Barry and Peter for their service over the years, and also Ash Curry, who steps down as midweek team captain.

Other committee members include Craig Driver and Vicky Neal, who are running the youth section of the club, and will be organising some winter training sessions before we are able to use the village green next spring.

Further information on the youth section can be found on our website, or call me on the number below.

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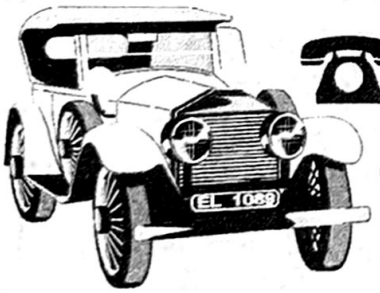

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This will keep you up to date on current affairs in the village including meeting minutes and agenda.

New Parish Councillors

I am pleased to announce that we have now filled all three positions of co-opted Parish Councillors. At the November meeting we welcomed Anna Saunders, Janine Swanser and Anthony Mitchell. It's good to have new blood and I am sure that they will make a huge difference to the Parish Council.

Community First response team

At our November meeting we were joined by two volunteers from the First response Team, David Bridgmen and David Milton. They explained that they would like to set up a First Response Team in Bar Hill and volunteers are urgently needed. This scheme has been working for many years in Over, Longstanton and Swavesey and it is felt that we need our own scheme and ideally three people are needed for a village of this size, with full training given. If you are interested in more information or to become a volunteer, please let me know at the Parish Council office and I will pass your details to them.

Skate Park

Many of you may know that recently there was an accident at the Skate Park and the parents of the lad that was injured would like other parents to be made aware of the dangers of their children taking part in such an extreme sport. There is a letter in this issue from the parents, Karen and Ashley Curry and they want to emphasise how important it is for head gear to be worn when using the skate park. We wish all the best to Jake and hope he makes a speedy recovery.

Parish Council Meetings

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday 20 December at 7 pm in the Parish Council Office and all members of the public and press are welcome to attend. There is also an Open Forum at the start of each meeting for residents to put their views across. May I wish all residents of Bar Hill a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

HANDY TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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Leigh Baffa
Parish Clerk
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VILLAGE HALL

To book or contact us at the village hall, please telephone 01954 782414 and leave a message (speak slowly and clearly please) and we will call you back within 24 hours Monday-Friday, OR e-mail us on barhill.villagehall@btconnect.com. We look forward to hearing from you.

During the week we have all the following groups and clubs.

Mon	Helene Jones Dance	3.30-8.15 pm
Helene's class is run in school term times only		
Tues	Zumba	10 - 11 am
Tues	Shotokan Karate	5.45-8.00 pm
Tues	Danielle (Boot Camp)	8-9.00 pm
Wed	Helen Jones (Dance)	4-6.45 pm
Wed	Zumba	7-8 pm
Wed	Pilates	8-9 pm
Thurs	Zumba	9.30 - 10.30 am
Thurs	Pilates	10.30-11.30 am
Thurs	Weightwatchers	7 - 7.50 pm
Fri	Martial Arts	6.30-8.30 pm
Sat	Sweat and Tone	8 - 9 am
Sat	Zumba	9 - 10 am
Sun	Bingo (doors open 7.15)	7.45-9.30 pm

Cash prices - No Bingo on Bank Holiday Sundays
(Please contact the office for details)

BIN COLLECTION DATES

5 December	Green and **blue bins**
12 December	Black bin
19 December	Green and **blue bins**
28 December (**Friday**)	Black bin
4 January 2013	Green and **blue bins**

Bar Hill Parent and Toddler Group
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Drinks and snacks are provided.

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Christmas/New Year Opening

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Tuesday 25th December	CLOSED
Wednesday 26th December	CLOSED
Thursday 27th December	8:30 am-12:30 pm 1:30 pm-6 pm
Friday 28th December	8:30 am-12:30 pm 1:30 pm-6 pm
Monday 31st December	8:30 am-12:30 pm 1:30 pm-6 pm
Tuesday 1st January 2013	CLOSED

The practice (along with all other Cambridge practices) will be **closed from 1 pm on the afternoon of Wednesday 12th December** for Clinical Governance Training.

New Patient Registrations

If you have recently moved to Bar Hill or the surrounding area and wish to register at Maple Surgery, please try to do so before you need to urgently seek medical advice. By so doing, when and if the need arises for an appointment, your details will already have been recorded and an appointment will be easier and quicker to arrange.

Flu Vaccinations

If you have received an invitation by letter and have still not had your flu vaccine, please book an appointment with either of the Nurses or Health Care Assistant as soon as possible.

Repeat Medications over Christmas and New Year Holidays

Do please remember to allow 2 clear working days for your request to be fulfilled and if you know you are going to run out over the bank holidays please place your request early to allow time for preparation.

What is a cold and what causes it?

A cold is an infection of the nose and upper airways caused by a virus. An adult can expect 2-4 colds a year, and a young child 3-8 colds a year. Usually, symptoms peak after 2-3 days and then ease off after a few days. A cough sometimes lingers for up to 3 weeks. There is no magic cure! Treatment aims to ease symptoms. The main treatment is to take Paracetamol or Ibuprofen which can ease fever, aches and pains.

Extended Hours

During the coming months our early morning opening day will vary depending upon which Doctors we have in attendance. Full details will be displayed in the surgery.

We wish all our patients a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Regards from the Maple Surgery Team

Bar Hill THE PLAYSTATION Out of School Club

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We also have a website where you can get more information, as well as lots of photographs to show you what we do at our Club, www.barhilloutofschoolclub.com.

We are situated in our purpose built building next to the School, with direct access from the playground. **We provide childcare both during term time, after school and all School Holidays, for children aged 3-14** in a safe, stimulating and caring home from home environment with trained and experienced staff. The children walk directly to us when school finishes, with the reception and infant children being met in the reception classes and then accompanied to our building by our staff. Our Pre-School children are also collected by our staff from their Pre-Schools.

Our children enjoy a wide range of inspiring equipment, games and craft activities, from pool to computer games, dressing up to craft and lots more, or if they prefer they can chill out on our comfy sofas. We also use the safe environment of the school playground for outdoor play. A snack, such as pasta, filled pittas etc followed by a biscuit and fresh fruit is provided. We make birthday cakes to celebrate each child's birthday, which we share.

We are registered with OSTED: this enables parents/guardians who are eligible, to claim up to 70% of their childcare costs. We are also able to accept childcare vouchers eg Fair Care and Busy Bees.

Our opening hours are:

Term Time 3.10 pm – 6 pm Monday to Friday
School Holidays 8.15 – 6 pm Monday to Friday
Craft sessions 10 am - Midday Monday - Friday £5

We are now taking bookings for our Holiday Club, for the October half term and the Christmas Holidays.

During the school holidays we also offer **full and part time childcare as well as occasional childcare.** We also run special craft and come-to-play sessions during the school holidays 10 am—12 noon which have proved very popular, both with children and their parents/carers. It's a chance to get your shopping done or maybe do something for yourself!

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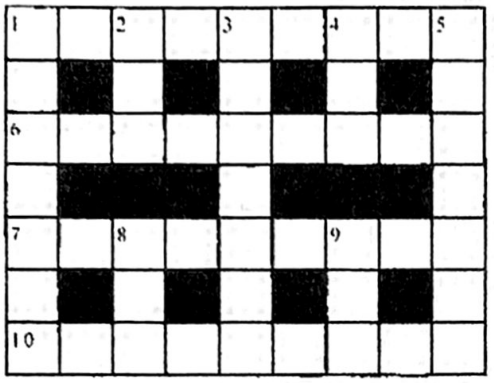

Clues for December

Across: 1 a form of exercise, 6 little town, 7 soviet newspaper, 10 Viking craft.

Down: 1 heavenly messenger, 2 floor covering, 3 books of maps, 4 thyroid stimulating hormone (abbr), 5 direction indicator, 8 work vehicle, 9 here in France.

Bar Hill Ecumenical Church - Services for December 2012

Everyone is welcome at our services. The Church Minister is Charles Mather, please contact him on minister@barhillchurch.org.uk or by phone 01954 277119.

Sun 2nd	10 am Advent Service with Cafe Church for Youth and Children No Evening Service
Sun 9th	8 am Holy Communion 10.30 am Gift and Crib Service 6.30 pm Evening Worship
Wed 12th	6.30 pm Guiding and Scouting Carol Service
Sun 16th	10 am Holy Communion 6.30 pm Village Carol Service
Wed 19th	10 am Monthly Communion 3 pm Senior Citizens' Carol Service
Sun 23rd	10 am Morning Worship 6.30 am Holy Communion
Mon 24th	4 pm Christingle 11.30 pm Holy Communion for Christmas Eve.
Tues 25th	10 am Holy Communion on Christmas Day

There is a Roman Catholic mass every Saturday at 6 pm
Contacts: Church Centre Manager Tel 206120 (office hours Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9.30 – 10.30)

Website barhillchurch.org.uk

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Tuesday 8 am and 7.30 pm
Saturday 6 pm First Mass of Sundays
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Holydays of Obligation 8 am, 10 am, 7.30 pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday 6.45 pm (not after Mass)
Saturday 10.30 – 11.15 am, 4.30 – 5.15 pm, 7 – 7.45 pm

Details of other services are published in the weekly newsletter which is available at the 6 pm Mass each Saturday – copies are available in the Church Centre.

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Village Hall Setting (Village Hall, The Spinney)

The newly extended outdoor learning environment provides opportunities from growing fruit and vegetables for our snack bar to discovering worms, ladybirds and other creatures that share the area at the setting. We are proud to offer many additional learning experiences for your child with regular visitors to the setting as well as exploring the community around us.

Church Centre Setting (Hanover Close)

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Moving On Sessions

We have sessions for children in their final year at the pre-school which are more structured; we work closely with the local primary school to aid your child's transition to the school learning environment.

Parent/Carer Partnership

To fulfil our commitment to meeting all our children's individual needs we use communication diaries as part of our outstanding parent/carer partnerships.

Please contact us on the above telephone numbers or: **enquiries@barhillpreschool.co.uk**

Our session allocation coordinator, Sarah, along with our setting managers, Sonya and Nikki, are always on hand to support you through the registration process

Playtots Sessions

Village Hall Setting on Tuesdays 9.15 – 11.15 am. All parents/carers with children from 0 – 5 years old are welcome at this stay and play session. Your child can choose from outdoor toys to messy craft materials and soft toys especially for babies.

Drinks and healthy snacks are provided.

ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

Thank you to all who helped with the Poppy Appeal. We are still counting the proceeds but it seems that everyone has been generous this year. I would also like to thank all who attended the Dedication Service and laying of wreaths on Monday 5th November and all who attended the Remembrance Service on 11th November. The Rev Charles Mather was in full flow and gave a memorable service which I think was enjoyed and respected by all attending.

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